



ASCLS is excited to introduce the ASCLS Voices Under 40, a monthly recognition of one of our many talented and committed young professionals under 40 years old. The ASCLS Voices Spotlight has been developed to honor ASCLS members who have shown exceptional commitment to ASCLS, the laboratory profession, and their community at large at a younger age in their professional career. Each month we spotlight one of the shining voices who were selected from many nominations across the country.

We are pleased to introduce Anna Adams, MPH, MLS(ASCP), REHS.

Anna is a medical laboratory scientist at Western Montana Clinic where she serves as lead tech in UA/serology and immunohematology. She also assists her lab manager with EPIC support, updates, and training. Most recently, she took on Lab Week Planning Coordinator for the clinic.



Anna, a recent (2023) Region 8 Leadership Academy graduate, has already jumped into several leadership roles within ASCLS. She has served as ASCLS-Montana Political Action Committee chair for three years, ASCLS-MT Conference Planning Committee for two years, ASCLS-MT webmaster for two years, and ASCLS-MT Promotion of the Profession chair for one year. She is currently serving as ASCLS-MT president elect.

Anna shares her voice through Labvocate messages to Montana representatives and promotes membership in ASCLS on social media, increasing followers on Facebook and Instagram. She encourages students to become part of ASCLS by giving presentations at higher education institutions such as Flathead Valley Community College. She also sent a message to Montana Senator Tester to recognize Medical Laboratory Professionals Week. As a student, she presented a student poster at the annual ASCLS-MT Spring Conference.

Anna feels her best personal accomplishment in ASCLS is serving as silent auction/sponsorship coordinator while on the Conference Planning Committee, which raises money for Shodair Children's Hospital (a Children's Miracle Network hospital). This gives her a sense of pride and fulfillment. Outside of ASCLS, Anna's proudest achievement is creating a non-profit social group called Missoula Valley Corgis. She saw creating a canine social club as a way to combine her background in public health, her love for animals, and entrepreneurial spirit. Currently this group consists of six core team leaders and over 20 members.

Anna's motivation for remaining active in ASCLS is the camaraderie and friendships she has made while in ASCLS. She also believes that involvement in a professional

organization beyond just membership is the next step in becoming a well-rounded professional in any career.

Anna's nominator says Anna is a valuable member of the ASCLS-Montana family, wearing many hats and fulfilling all her responsibilities with enthusiasm and dedication. Anna graduated from the Region 8 Leadership Academy in June and is now jumping into her new role as ASCLS-Montana president elect. We are so fortunate to have Anna on our team, I look forward to watching her lead us into the future!

Congratulations Anna on this well-deserved award!